

RUMSEWICZ et al
Serial No. 09/673,609

Atty Dkt: 100-43
Art Unit: 2141

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Provide a new Abstract.
2. Cancel claims 4, 5, 24 and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer.
3. Amend independent claim 1 to include therein the limitations of allowable dependent claims 4 and 5.
4. Amend the dependencies of dependent claims 6 – 8, 13, 14 – 15 so that these claims depend on amended independent claim 1.
5. Amend independent claim 16 to include therein the limitations of allowable dependent claims 24 and 55.
6. Amend the dependencies of dependent claims 26 – 28, 35 – 36, and 44 so that these claims depend on amended independent claim 16.
7. Amend dependent claims 21, 27, and 32 to change "interface means" to -- interface unit -- in the preamble.
8. Amend dependent claim 18 to moot the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.
9. Advise the Examiner of the simultaneous filing of a Petition to Extend.

B. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued

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pendency of the captioned application, including but not limited to any extension of time fees and/or extra claim fees.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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